

SENATE BILL 595

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 3, relative to creating the office of the
repealer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following sections as a new part thereto:

8-3-301.

(a) There shall be an office of the repealer within the office of the secretary of state for a period of four (4) years, at which time such position will cease to exist.

(b) The office of the repealer shall have the authority to:

(1) Receive suggestions to modify or repeal statutes and rules and regulations from citizens and government departments and agencies; and

(2) Gather information from various sources including government departments and agencies regarding laws and rules and regulations necessary to performing the repealer's duties.

8-3-302.

(a) The duties of the office of the repealer shall include:

(1) Investigating and collecting information regarding the state's laws and rules and regulations to determine instances in which such laws and rules and regulations are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, contradictory or unnecessary;

(2) Establishing an online system to receive public recommendations regarding various laws and rules and regulations that may need to be repealed or updated;

(3) Making recommendations to the general assembly on laws that may need to be repealed or modified with specific details as to why the law needs to be repealed or modified;

(4) Making recommendations to the appropriate state department or agency on rules and regulations that may need to be repealed or modified with specific details as to why the rules and regulations need to be repealed or modified;

(5) Providing a quarterly update to the secretary of state, the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives of the repealer's activities; and

(6) Providing a report by December 31 of each year to the secretary of state, each member of the general assembly, the governor and the heads of affected state departments or agencies of the repealer's activities, findings and recommendations.

(b) Any report provided by the office of the repealer may be provided electronically.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.